Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council.

106. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of resolutions passed by the Council and the number accepted by the Government so far with dates ?

(2) How many of these resolutions were carried out by the Government with the dates of such action and how many of them remain now to be carried out ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Forest Department.

107. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the reason for issuing the notification withdrawing the fee concession for the grazing and penning of foreign cattle in the forests of the Southern Division, which was published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 21st Mithunam 1102 ;

(*b*) whether there was any recommendation from the Conservator of Forests ;

(*c*) whether a comparative statement, for the years 1100, 1101 and 1102, of the revenues derived from such fees on foreign cattle, for the whole of the Southern Division, with details of such revenue from the several taluks of the said Division, will be laid on the table and

(*d*) whether they are aware that ryots of South Travancore depend on foreign cattle, visiting periodically, for manuring their paddy fields, by penning them ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The withdrawal of the concessions was necessitated by the abuses to which these concessions were put by the Panagudi men in the matter of illicit grazing of cattle, illicit collection of minor forest produce and of open assaults on the subordinates of the Forest Department.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The statement† required by the member is laid on the table.

(*d*) The Government have no information. Grazing and penning fees are realised only when the foreign cattle are taken to the forests.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the grounds on which the Government were persuaded to give concessions in the matter of fees for the grazing and penning of foreign cattle in the forests of the Southern Division ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Originally?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The concession was given just to promote the facilities for agriculture.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know how he reconciles this answer with the answer to part (*d*) which says 'Government have no information'? Part (*d*) of my question is 'whether they are aware that the ryots of South Travancore depend on foreign cattle, visiting periodically, for manuring their paddy fields, by penning them?' and the answer is 'the Government have no information'. May I know how the member reconciles this answer with his statement that the concession was originally granted to promote facilities for agriculture?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*d*) only means that the Government have no information whether the ryots were *actually* benefited by *foreign* cattle coming to Travancore? The Government have no definite information in regard to that fact.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it was on the recommendation of the Conservator that the Government gave the concession?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is given in the answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want to know whether, at the time the concession was given, it was done as a result of the recommendation of the then Conservator of Forests.

MR. T P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not now before me. I have to look up the file in which the concession was originally granted years ago.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is very serious complaint about these grazing fees and that there is much agitation that they should be done away with altogether?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to state that definitely now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand from the answer to part (*a*) that Panagudi men alone were responsible for the withdrawal of the concessions, on account of their illicit grazing of cattle, illicit collection of minor forest produce and of open assaults on the subordinates of the Forest Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The abuses by the Panagudi men were the immediate cause of the withdrawal.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are there no other means of avoiding these illicit grazing, illicit collection of minor forest produce, and open assaults on the subordinates of the Forest Department? Is there not a Regulation to control and check such abuses?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was only a *concession* that was granted to them, and when that was abused, the Government withdrew it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there was any Government prosecution against these Panagudi men?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to answer that question now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Was there any prosecution at all?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Even that, I am not in a position to say.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Were there not poor ryots of other villages too, besides the Panagudi men, who were making legitimate use of the concession?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): As such, do not the Government think that their withdrawal of the concession, as a result of the alleged abuses of it by certain Panagudi men, acts as a punitive imposition on other poor ryots also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Panagudi men belong to British India. Since they abused a *concession* given by the Government thought it advisable to withdraw it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Would it not have been enough if they had imposed that hardship on the Panagudi men alone?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have not got an exhaustive list of all the men who abused the concession.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): It is stated in the answer that the withdrawal of the concessions was necessitated by the abuses to which the concessions were put by Panagudi men.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As I said before, the abuse of the concession by the Panagudi men was the immediate cause for the withdrawal of the concession. It is not possible to have a list of men who abused the concession and to deny the concession to them alone.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do not the Government think that their withdrawal of this concession works against the facilities of agriculture in South Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may, to some extent.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that, for dry cultivation, the poor third class ryots depend for their manure mainly on penning cattle and sheep in their fields?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that cattle and sheep are not now being taken, for purposes of grazing, even to *poramboke* tank-beds?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know how that arises now. I have no information about that.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand that grazing and penning fees would be realised from foreign cattle, only if they are taken inside the forests?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I correct when I understand from the answer that grazing and penning fees would be levied from foreign cattle only if they are taken inside the forests?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer as given there is correct, so far as it goes. Tank-beds are outside the reserved forests, and as such the rules cannot apply to them.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that grazing and penning fees are imposed upon foreign cattle even if they are grazing on tank-beds only?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Particulars of Lands registered from Reserved Forests.

108. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Has Mr. M. E. Watts, since he became the Dewan of Travancore, registered any lands, inside the reserved forests, in the name of, or for the sake of, any European planter or association?

(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the year of registry, the name of the registry-holder and the rate of *taravila* fixed for the holding so registered by him and also the name of the reserve and the taluk in which the land is situate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Appointment of permanent Headmaster for the English High School, Shencotta.

109. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that the English High School at Shencotta has not been provided with a permanent headmaster for more than one year?

(2) Will they be pleased to appoint a permanent headmaster at an early date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

Approach Road to Vanchimartandanallur.

110. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if they have received in Karkatakam 1101 and Kanni 1102, petitions from the Roman Catholic, Vellala and Nadar villagers of Vanchimartandanallur, in the Marungur *pakuthi*, Agastisvaram taluk,

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Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 107.**

Comparative statement of the revenue realised from the Mahendragiri and Kalkulam Ranges on foreign cattle.

Year.	*Mahendragiri Range.*	*Kalkulam Range.*
	Rs. chs. c.	Rs. chs. c.
1100	2,048-22-2	426-2-14
1101	1,498-22-12	155-6-4
1102 till end of Edavam	842-13-11	10-5-0

VOTING OF GRANTS.—(*Contd.*)

DEMAND III—LAND REVENUE.—RS. 8·48 LAKHS.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 8·48 lakhs under Demand III—Land Revenue.

Motion 115.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, I rise to move the following motion:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,402 for establishment by Re. 1.

(To press upon the Government the desirability of registering a small plot for house-site adjoining the Terur village, Agastisvaram taluk.)

MR. V SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. I wish to know how the subject which he has mentioned in the motion can come up under this head? My view is, only general policy could be discussed.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I shall explain. The thing has been long overdue and I just draw the attention of the Government to the matter as the matter has passed all stages. In the footnote to my motion, there seems to be a slight omission, whether on my part or in copying it. It ought to read that the motion is intended to press on the attention of Government the desirability of registering a small plot of house-site for the Marava community adjoining the Terur village in the Agastisvaram taluk.

PRESIDENT : I have got to decide on the point of order raised, Mr. Sivatanu Pillai.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I think, Sir, that the question will arise when he begins to speak on his motion. But, as it is, according to the ruling already given, the foot-note is but a surplusage to the motion given notice of. Purely, individual matter will not be in order, if introduced in the speech,

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